

Services and Supports Across our Schools



The mission of the Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services Department is to ensure that students who require Special Education will receive specially designed instruction specific to their unique needs so that they have the opportunity to learn, grow and achieve.

To this end, the Special Education and the Pupil Personnel Services Department provides a variety of support services to Oxford students who need them and their families. Services may include special education, speech and language, school psychology, school social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, health services, and behavioral services.

Individual student needs are identified and programs planned through the Planning and Placement Team (PPT). The PPT identifies students eligible to receive special education and designs Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). To the greatest extent possible, students participate in the general education curriculum with support, services, and instruction designed to allow them to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities in a variety of ways. General education and special education teachers, related service providers and paraprofessionals work collaboratively with the purpose of accelerating student growth and achievement.

Ongoing and consistent communication with families is strongly encouraged. The Oxford Public Schools believe that ongoing collaboration between home and school is a critical part of the equation that leads to helping students put forth the necessary effort to achieve their personal best.

Members of the Department of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services collaborates with the Connecticut State Department of Education, the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center and various Connecticut Agencies such as the Department of Social Services, the Bureau of Educational Services for the Blind, the Department of Developmental Services and local area mental health centers to ensure the needs of our students and families are met. These agencies support both schools and families, offering a wide range of resources, including extensive opportunities for parent and teacher education.

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